UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COURT FILE NO: CV-

NICHOLAS H. LARKIN)	•
Plaintiff)	
)	COMPLAINT
v.)	
)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
INTEGRITY FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.)	
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COMPLAINT

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This action arises out of illegal acts and omissions of the above-named Defendant, who used false, deceptive, misleading, unfair, abusive, and oppressive practices and means in conjunction with attempts to collect an alleged debt or debts and thereby violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692-1692p ("FDCPA") and the Pennsylvania Fair Credit Extension Uniformity Act, 73 P.S. §§ 2270.1-2270.6 ("FCEUA"), and Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, 73 P.S. §§ 201-1 to 201-9.3 ("UTPCPL"). Plaintiffs seeks actual damages, statutory damages, treble damages, costs, and attorney's fees.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises out of Defendant's repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. section 1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA"), Pennsylvania Fair Credit Extension Uniformity Act, 73 Pa.C.S. 2270.1 et seq. (hereinafter "FCEUA"), and Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Consumer Protection Law, 72 Pa.C.S 201-1, et seq. (hereinafter "UTCPL"), which prohibit debt collectors from engaging in abusive, false, deceptive, misleading and unfair practices.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District because the acts and transactions occurred here and Plaintiff resides within this district.

III. PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff, Nicholas H. Larkin, is a natural person residing at 215 Darby Road, Paoli, Pennsylvania, 19301.
- 5. Plaintiff, Nicholas H. Larkin, was allegedly obligated to pay a debt that is the subject of this case primarily used for family, personal or household purposes, and therefore he is a consumer within the meaning of FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3) and FCEUA, 73 P.S. § 2270.3.
- 6. Defendant Integrity Financial Partners, LLC ("Integrity"), is a limited liability company whose address is listed as 4370 West 109th Street, Suite 100, Overland Park, Kansas, 66212 and, at all times relevant herein, operated as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6) and FCEUA, 73 P.S. § 2270.3 and acted by and through its owners, managers, officer, shareholders, authorized representatives, partners, employees, agents and/or workmen.
- 7. Defendant, at all times relevant hereto, were persons who used an instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mails in a business the principal purpose of which was the collection of debts, who regularly collected or attempted to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due asserted to be owed or due another, and/or who, in the process of collecting its own debts, used a name other than its own which would indicate that a third person was collecting or attempting to collect such debts.
- 8. At all pertinent times, Defendant represented that it was hired by Sallie Mae and was acting on behalf of Sallie Mae to collect moneys relating to a consumer debt, a student loan, that was allegedly owed by Plaintiff.

III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9. In or about the month of December 2011, Defendant telephoned Plaintiff and threatened to sue him.

- 10. On or about February 27, 2012 Sallie Mae sent a letter to Plaintiff, alleging that Plaintiff owed \$19,389.79 for a loan debt, as well as informing Plaintiff that Integrity had been retained to "service accounts, collect funds, and negotiate loan settlement agreements on behalf of Sallie Mae." A true and correct copy of the aforesaid letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 11. On or about February 27, 2012, Defendant sent a letter to Plaintiff, stating that Integrity had been authorized by Sallie Mae to accept \$8,169.66 as payment in full, if paid before March 15, 2012. The letter from Defendant also notified Plaintiff that "a negative credit report reflecting on [his] credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if [he fails] to fulfill the terms of [his] credit report. This was Defendant's initial communication with Plaintiff. A true and correct copy of the aforesaid letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 12. On or about March 12, 2012, Plaintiff's mother received a phone call from Defendant in which Defendant discussed the alleged debt and threatened to sue Plaintiff.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant had telephoned Plaintiff's mother on multiple occasions.
- 14. Defendant's actions as aforestated are material, deceptive, misleading and false under the FDCPA in that:
- a. Defendant is neither a law firm nor the owner of the alleged loan and, therefore, has no ability or standing to sue Plaintiff;
- b. Defendant did not send a Validation notice within five (5) days of its initial communication with Plaintiff;
- c. Defendant contacted a third party for reasons other than to confirm location information and discussed Plaintiff's case without Plaintiff's permission or consent.

IV. CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. section 1692, et seq.

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates his allegations of paragraphs 1 through 14 as though set forth at length herein.
- 16. Defendant's actions as aforestated are false, deceptive, material and misleading to Plaintiff as follows:
- (a) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692b by communicating with a person other than the consumer for a purpose other than acquiring location information.
- (b) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692b(2) by communicating with a person other than the consumer and stating that the consumer allegedly owes a debt.
- (c) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692b(3) by contacting a person other than the consumer repeatedly, without the authority to do so.
- (d) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse any person in violation of.
- (e) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e by making false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the debt collection.
- (f) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5) by threatening to take an action that cannot legally be taken or that is not intended to be taken.
- (g) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) by using false representation or deceptive means to collect a debt.
- (h) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f by using unfair and unconscionable means to attempt to collect Plaintiff's alleged debt.

- (i) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g by failing to send the consumer a 30-day validation notice within five (5) days of the initial communication.
- (j) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) by failing to state to the consumer that he has the right to dispute the debt within thirty (30) days.
- 17. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's illegal collection efforts, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the form of attorney's fees, costs and expenses.
- 18. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's illegal collection efforts and communications, Plaintiff has suffered mental anguish, emotional distress, anger, anxiety, and frustration, fear, embarrassment and humiliation.
- 19. Plaintiff has been seriously damaged by Defendant's violations of the FDCPA and is entitled to actual damages, compensatory damages, costs and attorneys fees.
- 20. As a result of the foregoing violations of the FDCPA, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for actual damages, statutory damages, attorney's fees and costs in accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 20 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 22. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA including but not limited to each and every one of the above-cited provisions of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.
- As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff is therefore entitled to actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(1); statutory damages in amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A); and, reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from Defendant.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Nicholas H. Larkin, prays that judgment be entered against Defendant for the following:

- (1) Actual damages;
- (2) Statutory damages in the amount of \$1,000.00;
- (3) Reasonable attorney's fees and costs;
- (4) Declaratory judgment that the Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA:
- (5) Such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II VIOLATIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FAIR CREDIT EXTENSION UNIFORMITY ACT (FCEUA, 73 Pa. C.S § 2270.1, et. seq.

- 24. Plaintiff incorporates his allegations of paragraphs 1 through 23 as though set forth at length herein.
- 25. Defendant violated FCEUA, 73 P.S. § 2270.4(a), because any violation of FDCPA by a debt collector, as set forth above, constitutes an unfair or deceptive debt collection act or practice under FCEUA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Nicholas H. Larkin, prays that judgment be entered against Defendant for the following:

- (1) An Order declaring that Defendant violated the FCEU;
- (2) Actual damages;
- (3) Treble damages;
- (4) Reasonable attorney's fees and costs;
- (5) Such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III

VIOLATIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA UNFAIR TRADE CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW ("UTCPL"), 73 Pa. C.S § 201-1, et. seq.

- 26. Plaintiff incorporates his allegations of paragraphs 1 through 25 as though set forth at length herein.
- 27. Defendant violated UTPCPL, because, pursuant to FCEUA, 73 P.S. § 2270.5(a), any unfair or deceptive debt collection act or practice under FCEUA by a debt collector or credit, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of UTPCPL.
- 28. Other unfair or deceptive acts or practices defined as such in 73 P.S. §201-2(4) committed by Defendant include, but are not limited to, the following:

Defendant engaged in fraudulent or deceptive conduct which would create the likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding.

29. Pursuant to UTPCPL, 73 P.S. § 201-3, such acts and practices are unlawful.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Nicholas H. Larkin, prays that judgment be entered against Defendant for the following:

- (1) An Order declaring that Defendant violated the UTCPL
- (2) Actual damages;
- (3) Treble damages;
- (4) Reasonable attorney's fees and costs;
- (5) Such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

V. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby respectfully demands a trial by jury. US Const. amend. 7.Fed.R.Civ.P.38.

Respectfully submitted,

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